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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, with the following amended paragraph. This amendment will remove a duplicate "at" from the specification.

A UV absorber, as used herein, can be a compound capable of absorbing electromagnetic radiation having a wavelength between about 10 nm and about 400 nm. In one embodiment, the UV absorber has a molar extinction coefficient ϵ (epsilon) of at least 1000 l/mol cm in an apolar organic solution at at least one wavelength between about 250 nm and about 350 nm. In one embodiment, the UV absorber has a molar extinction coefficient ϵ (epsilon) of at least 5000 l/mol cm in an apolar organic solution at at least one wavelength between about 250 nm and about 350 nm. The apolar organic solution can comprise, by way of example, chloroform, acetone, or cyclohexane, among others.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21, with the following amended paragraph. This amendment will correct the spelling of piperidyl.

In one embodiment, the HALS comprises bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-pip[[d]]eridyl)sebacate or methyl 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-pip[[d]]eridyl sebacate. A HALS comprising both of the above is commercially available as Tinuvin 765 (Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Basel, Switzerland).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 22, with the following amended paragraph. This amendment will correct the spelling of piperidyl.

"Tinuvin 765" refers to a HALS comprising bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-pip[[d]]eridyl)sebacate and methyl 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-pip[[d]]eridyl sebacate commercially available from Ciba Specialty Chemicals (Basel, Switzerland).